

in verse, Homer and Virgil, two of the great
masters of
his future poetry. Then once again on
funeral followed
marriage:

Et des amours desquelles nous parlons,
Quand serons morts, n'en sera plus
nouvelle.

A year from Madeleine's death James
wedded Marie de
Guise, who was to bear him the princess
praised by
Ronsard in after days more passionately
than any other,
even in her English prison—Mary Stuart.
The dead
queen's page returned to France; then,
revisiting Scotland
almost immediately in the train of Claude
d'Humieres,
was all but lost to us. For three days and
nights his ship
was on the point of foundering, only to split
at last with-
out loss of life in the harbour-mouth. Six
months of his
homeward journey spent in England at
least left him
(unless he is being merely a pleasant
flatterer) kindly
memories of—

ces grands Mylords
Accorts, beaux, et courtois, magnanimes et
forts.

But he who had travelled so much so young
was now to
finish all his travels in his teens. A visit in
the train of the
humanist Lazare de Baif to the conference
of Catholics
and Reformers at Haguenau in 1540 was
the end of his
journeys out of France; the end also of his
hopes of a
public career. Just when all were beginning
to notice the
handsome boy of fifteen with his aquiline
nose, his chest-
nut hair, his gently serious eyes—'tant pour
Fair et les
traicts du visage qu'il avoit tres-agreable,

que pour sa
taille et sa stature extrêmement auguste et
martiale'—he
returned from Germany with broken
health, never to be
completely restored, and a partial loss of
hearing. Re-
signed now to the Church, in 1543 he
received the ton-
sure. The sacrifice of golden curls could buy
golden
benefices then. If he found those prizes
slow in coming,